Fake universities

†3406. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1458, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the University Grants Commission Act so that action could be taken against the fake universities running in the country; and

(b) if so, what provisions are being made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) and (b) Section 24 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 provides for suitable penalty against those who contravene the provisions of Sections 22 and 23 of the Act relating to unauthorised award of degrees and use of the word 'University'. Necessary amendments in the UGC Act to enhance this penalty are under consideration of the Government.

Confirmation of KV Teachers/Employees

†3407. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of provisions under which probation period of newly appointed teachers/ employees is fixed;

(b) the details of provisions under which the said employees are confirmed on the concerned post after completion of their probation period;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite successful completion of the probation period many teachers/ employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have not been confirmed on their posts; and

(d) if so, what is the school-wise and post/category-wise number of such teachers/employees of Jaipur and Delhi Divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) In accordance with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Appointment, Promotion, Seniority etc.) Rules 1971 as amended in 2001, the period of probation of every direct recruit is two years from the date of appointment, which may be extended by another two years by the Competent authority for reasons to be recorded in writing.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan follows the instructions prescribed by the Department of Personnel and Training in this regard.

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